

--1. (Thrice Amended) A communication terminal for informing a user of a received call from a remote caller by an alert sound, comprising:

an alert sound generator for generating [a] the alert sound when the call is received from the remote caller; [and]

control means for controlling said alert sound generator; and

[determining whether] means for specifying a predetermined operation [is operated] by the user,

wherein when said alert sound generator is [being rung] generating the alert sound and [when] said means for specifying said predetermined operation is operated [an operating state of] by the user, said control means controls said alert sound generator [is altered based on an outcome of the determination and] to change a volume of the alert sound only for the received call while a communication state between the terminal and the remote caller remains unchanged.--

--2. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein

    said control means controls [the state of] said alert sound generator to stop the alert sound.--

--3. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein

    said control means controls [the state of] said alert sound generator to reduce the volume of the alert sound.--

--8. (Thrice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 6, wherein

    said control means again [changes the state of] controls said alert sound generator to further reduce the volume of the alert sound when said predetermined operation occurs again, after said predetermined operation has occurred a first time.--

--9. (Twice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 8, wherein

    said control means controls [the state of] said alert sound generator to stop [an] the alert sound and then to generate [the] an alert sound again.--

--10. (Thrice Amended) The communication terminal according to claim 8, wherein

    said control means controls [the state of] said alert sound generator to reduce an audible volume [levels] level of the alert sound and subsequently to restore said volume level of the alert sound to an unreduced level.--

--13. (Thrice Amended) A method of informing a user of a received call from a remote caller to a communication apparatus, comprising the steps of:

    waiting to receive a call;

    ringing an alert sound upon receiving said call; and  
    changing [the state] a volume of [said] the alert sound